

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ASAHARA et al.

Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 10/760,283

Examiner: Herbert J. LILLING

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
L-LYSING USING
METHANOL-UTILIZING
BACTERIUM

Confirmation No.: 8761

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2006, which set a 1-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, applicants hereby elect **Group I, claims 1-4**. This election is made with traverse as applicants assert that it would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner, nor constitute a non-coextensive search, to examine all the claims together.

If Examiner Lilling believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of